

# Newcomer Resettlement & Health Program



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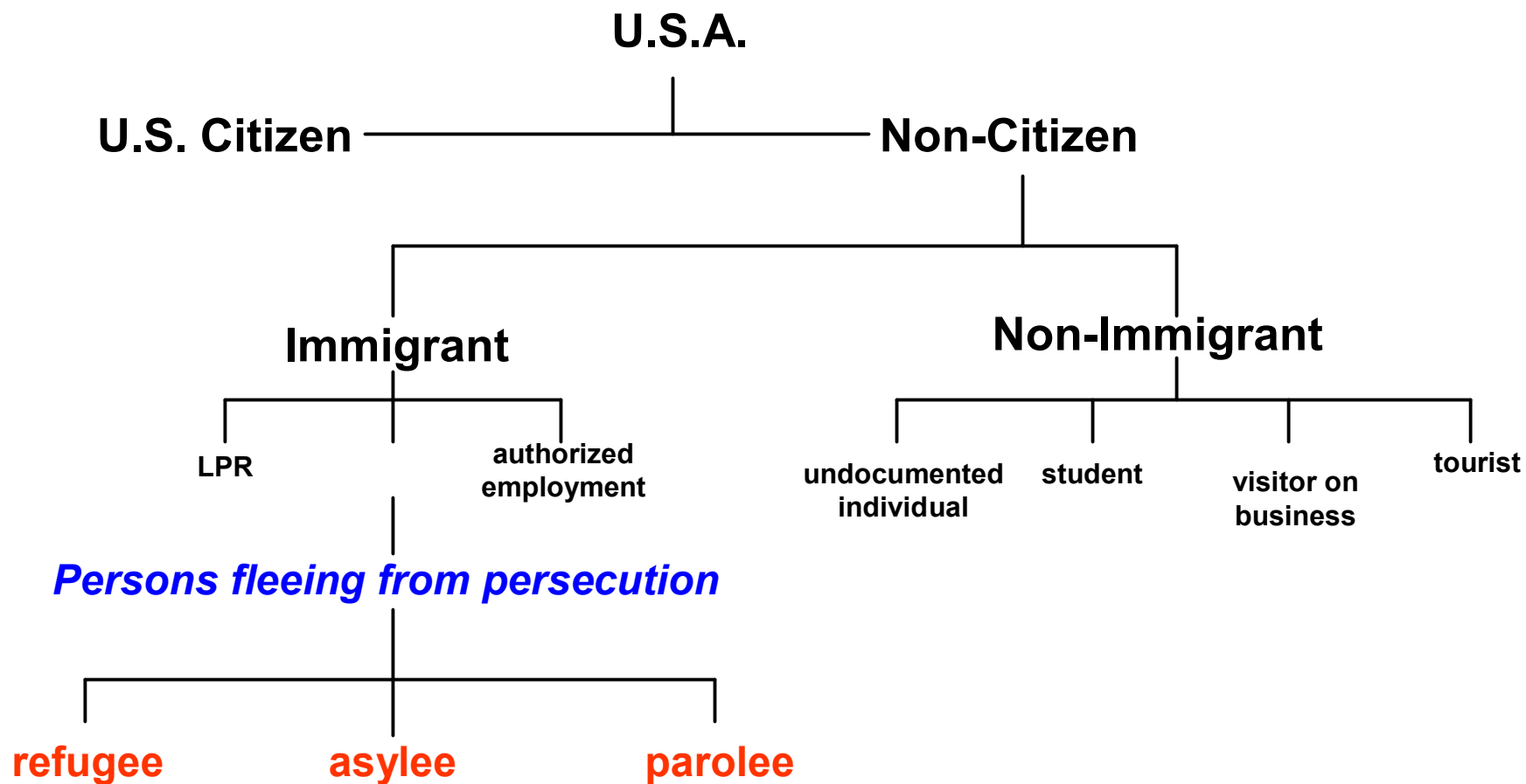
# Who is a Refugee?

A **Refugee** is “any person who is outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution...based on...race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.”

*Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services,  
A Bureau of US Department of Homeland Security ([www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov))*

# *US Citizenship & Immigration Services Definitions*

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# National

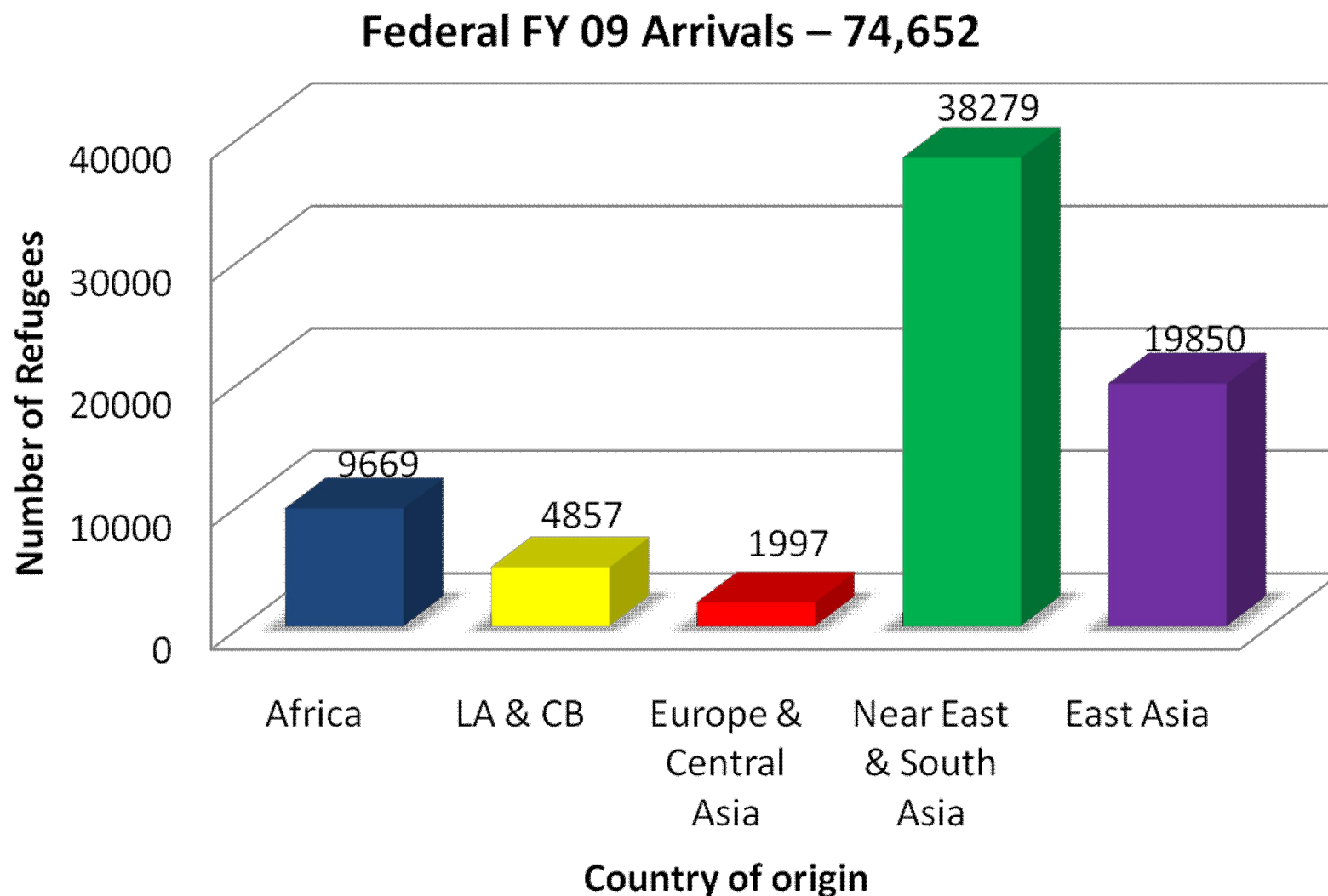


# Statistics

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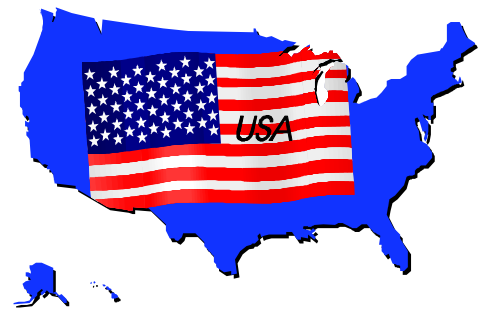
# Refugee Resettlement-National Perspective



# Refugee Resettlement – National Perspective

**During FFY 08**

- **California (9,472)**
  - **Texas (5,113)**
  - **Florida (3,715)**
- **New York (3,628)**
- **Michigan (3,292)**
- **Arizona (3,005)**



- **In 08, in Virginia ranked among the top 15 states across the nation in RR**

# Asylee Resettlement – National Perspective

During FFY 08

- California (34%)
  - Florida (20%)
- New York (10%)
- Maryland (4.6%)
- **Virginia (4.3%)**
- Washington (2.7%)



# Components of Refugee Resettlement & Health Screening

Agency or Player	Arena of Responsibility	Examples of Roles
President/U. S. Congress	Federal	Setting of National Policy, including ceilings
U. S. Department of State, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services	Federal	Eligibility Determination
CDC Division of Global Migration & Quarantine	Federal	Technical Instructions & Guidance re: Medical Exams
State Newcomer Health Screening Program	State	Funding, Technical Assistance For LHDs
Local Health Districts (LHDs)	Local	Health Screening After Arrival
Volunteer Agencies (VOLAGs)	Local	Assist with Resettlement Process



# VA Refugee Resettlement Program





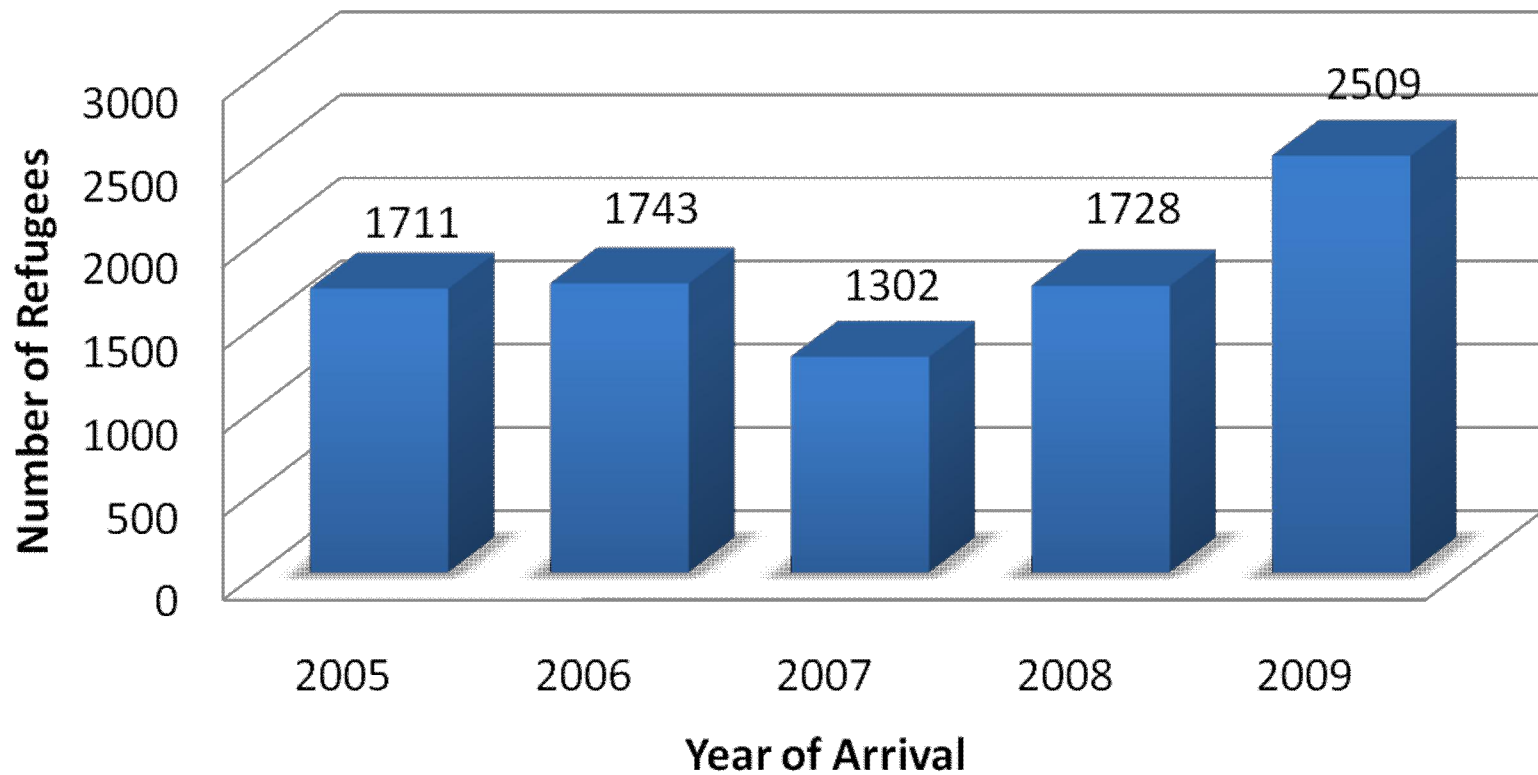


# VA RR Agencies

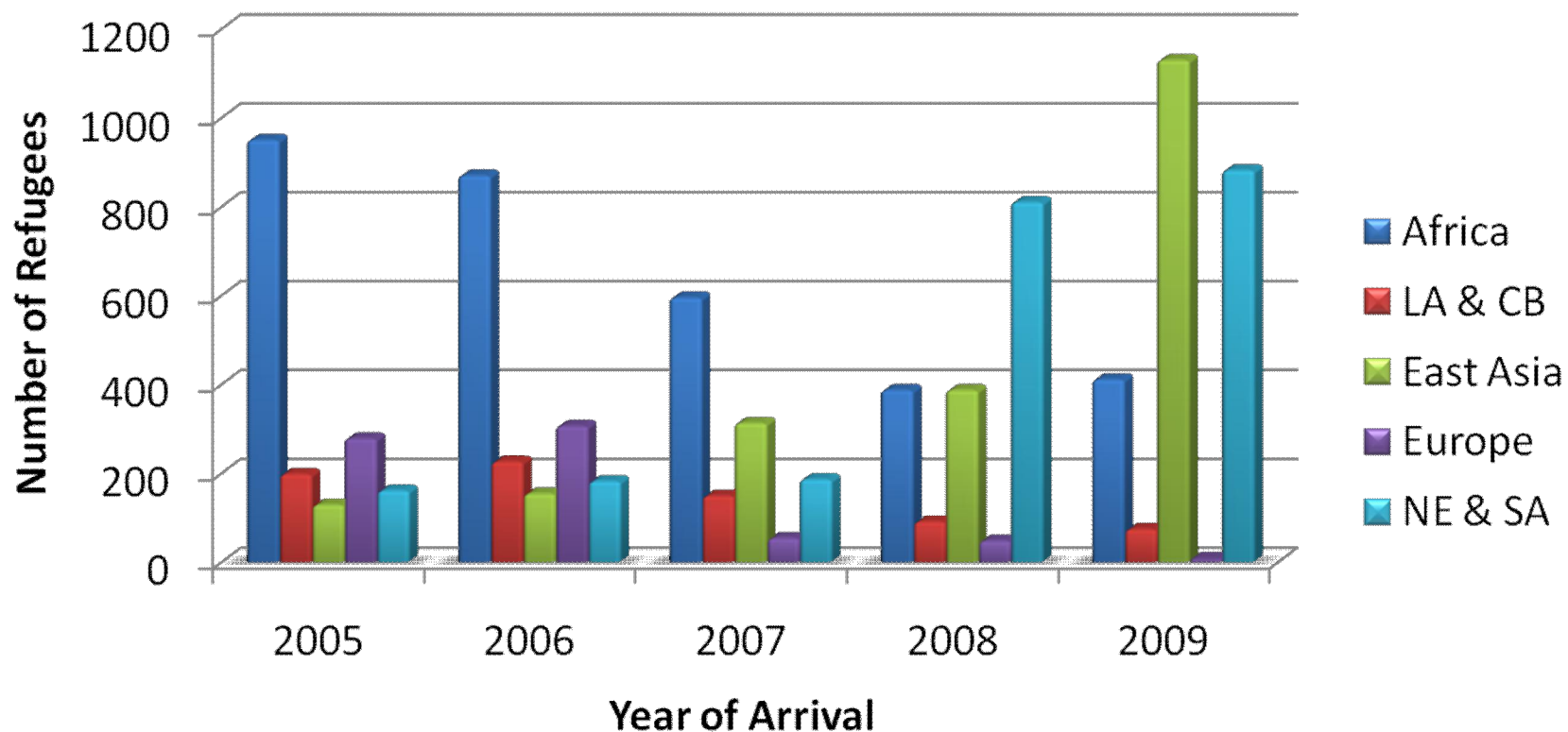


- Catholic Diocese of Arlington
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- Lutheran Immigrant & Refugee Services
- Virginia Council of Churches
- International Rescue Committee
- Commonwealth Catholic Charities, Unaccompanied Minors Program

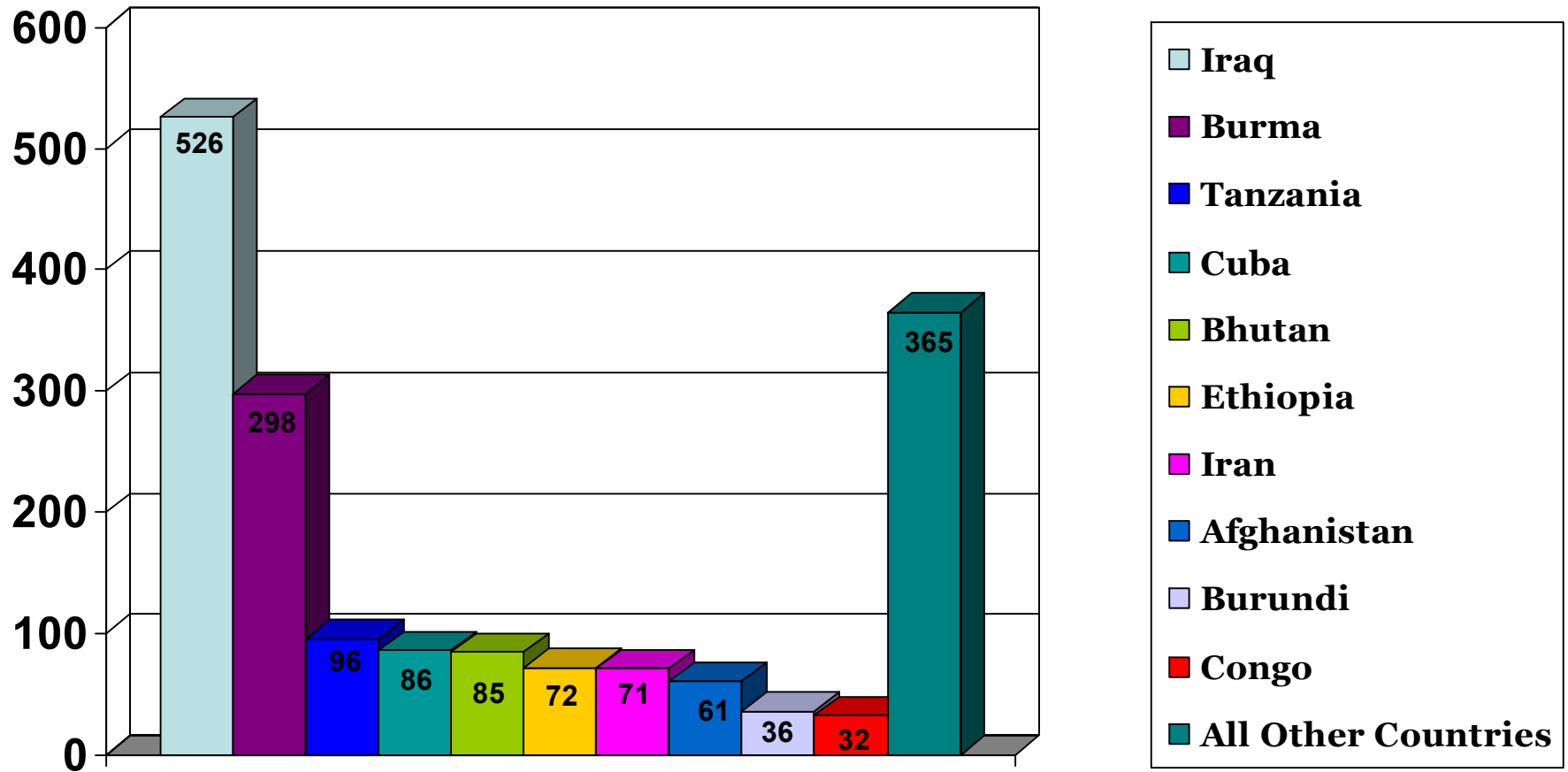
## Refugee Arrivals to Virginia



# Refugee Arrivals to Virginia by Country of Origin



**Refugee Resettlement to Virginia**  
**Country of Origin (Top 10)**  
**FFY 2008 (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008)**  
**Total n=1728**  
**(Top 10) Total n=1363**





# **The Virginia State Newcomer Health Program**



VDH, DDP

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Newcomer  
Health Program

VA Refugee Health  
Program

CDC Classified Immigrant  
Health Program



## **Responsibilities**

# **NHP Responsibilities**

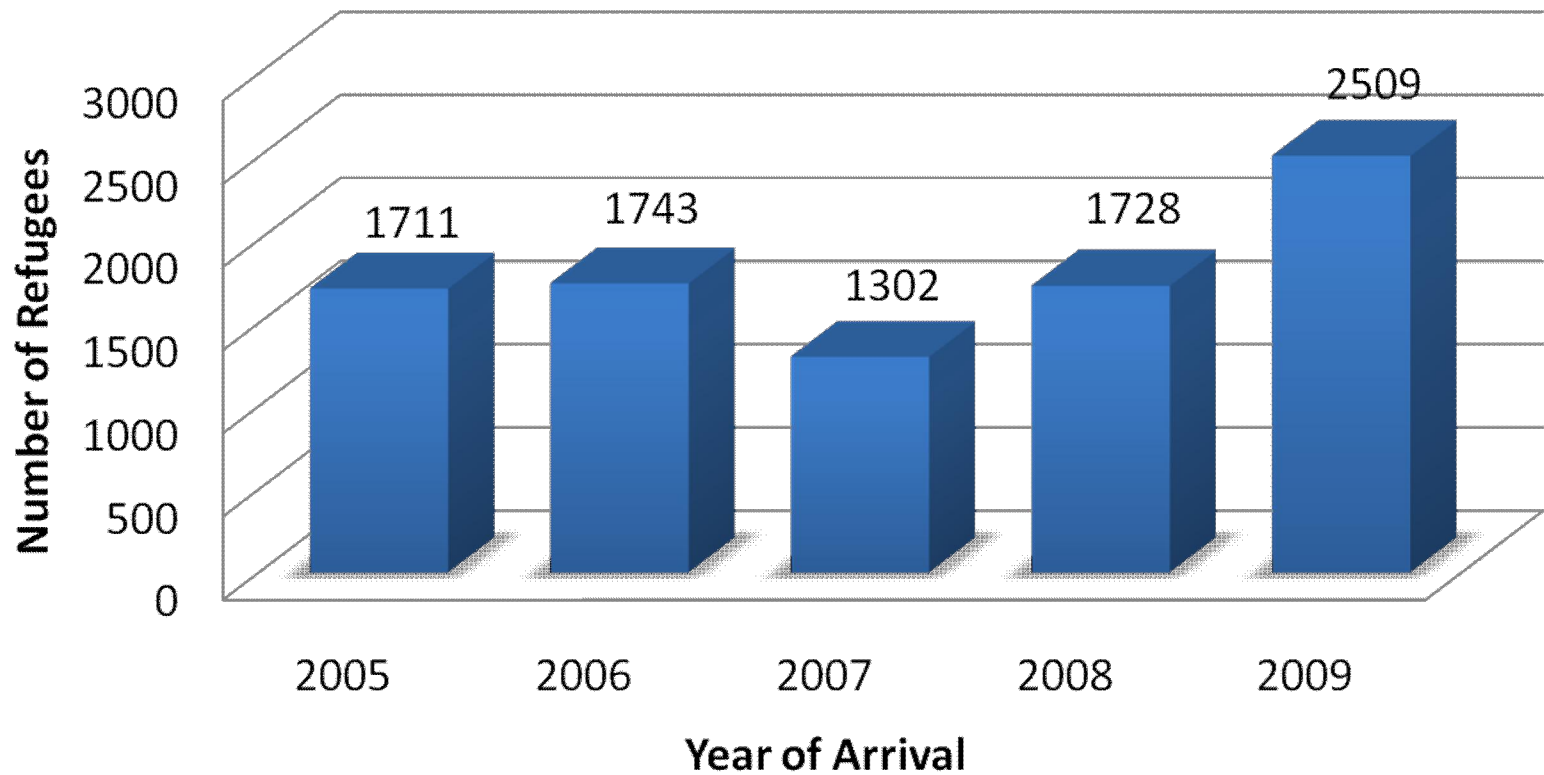
- Coordination of Care-at all LHDs & provider reimbursement
- Education & Training
- Surveillance & Investigation

# Virginia Refugee Arrival

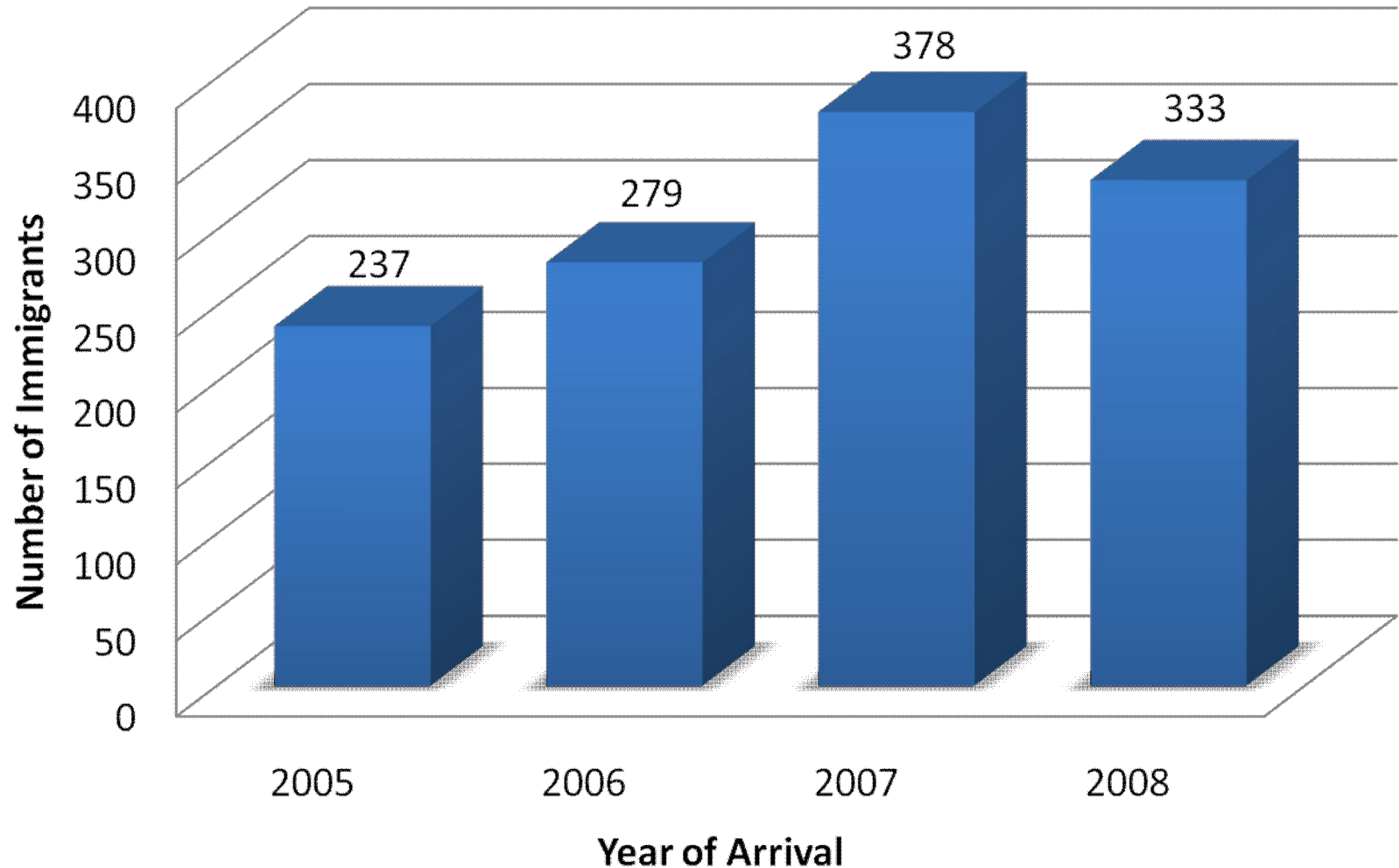


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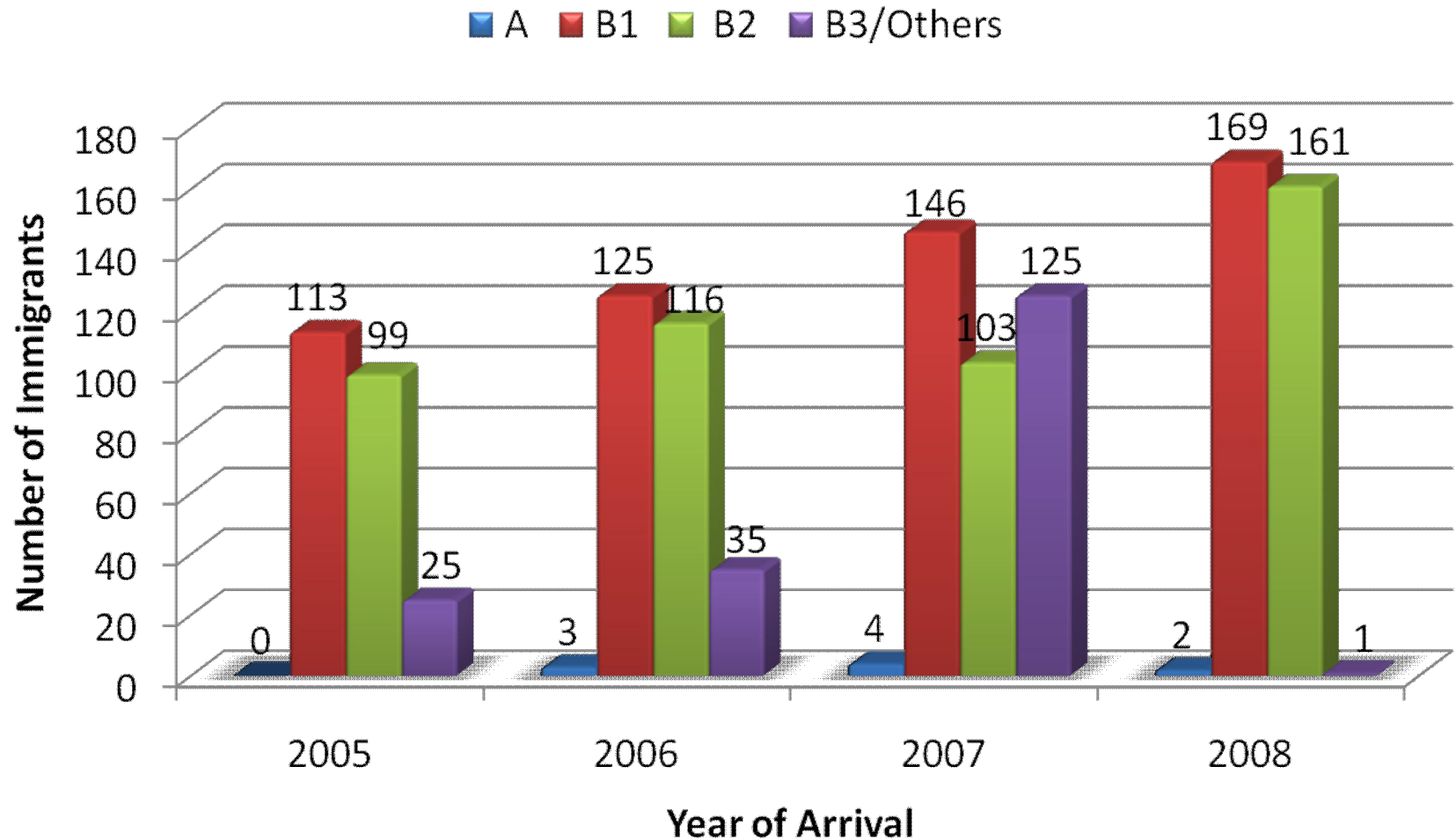
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# Classified Immigrant Arrivals to Virginia

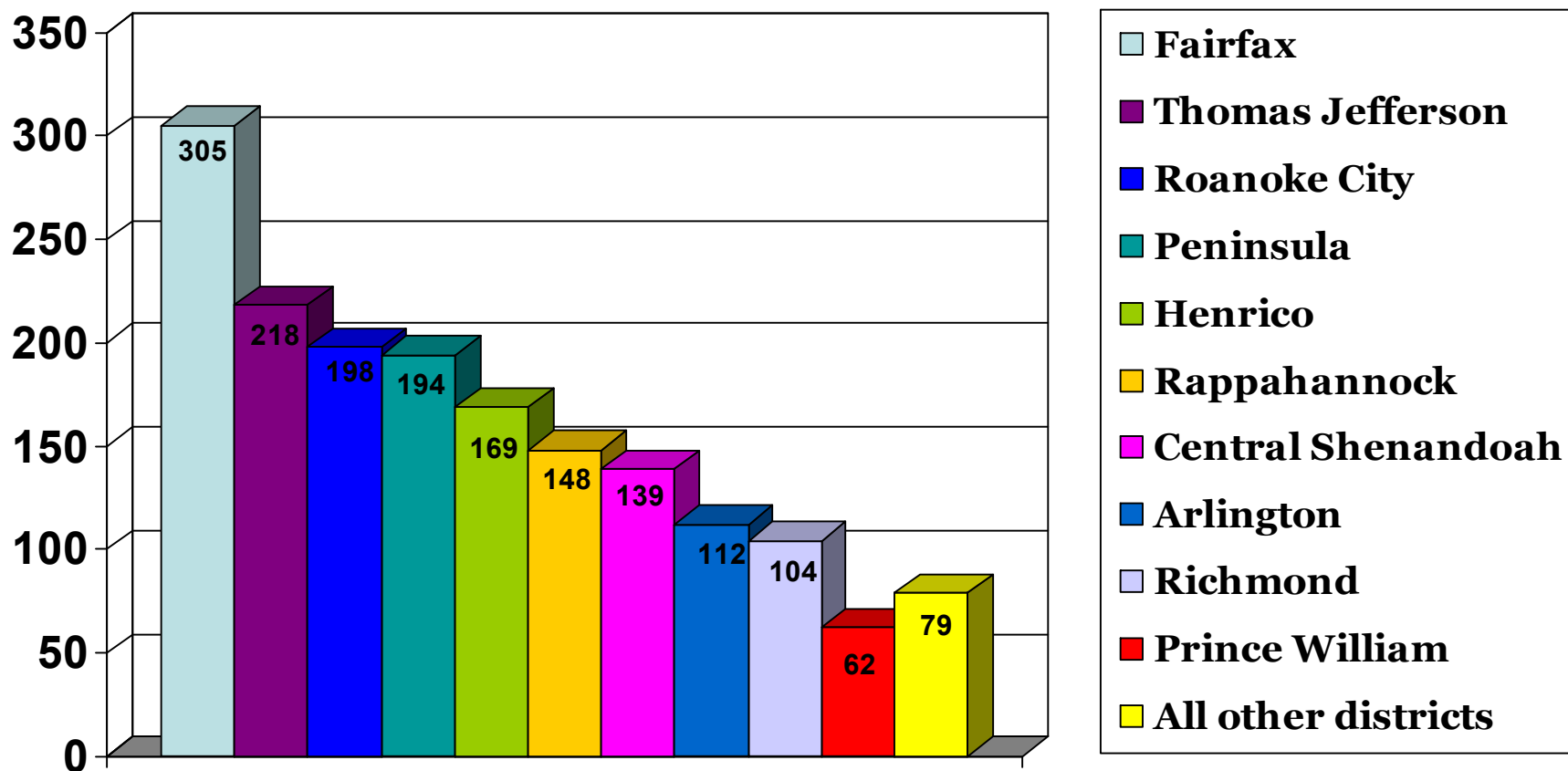


# Classified Immigrant Arrivals to Virginia by (CDC) Category



**Refugee Resettlement to Virginia  
Local Health Districts (Top 10)  
FFY 2008 (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008)**

**Total n=1728  
(Top 10) Total n=1649**





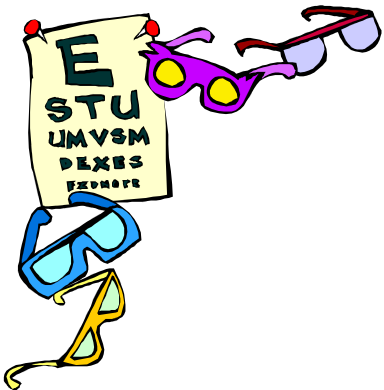
# Refugee Health



## Screening Guidelines

# Goals of Refugee Health Screening - Domestic

1. Assist Refugee in Resettlement Process by Protecting Health & Well-Being of Individual Refugee and/or Refugee Family
2. Protect Community & Public's Health Against Introduction of Illness or Disease



# Refugee Health Screening – Domestic

Based on public health approach

## Priorities:

1. Screening for Infectious Diseases
2. Administration of Immunizations



# **Virginia's Initial Refugee Health Screening Protocol- followed by the VDH, LHDs**



# Level 1-Screening

- TB
- Medical History
- Physical Assessment:  
*Height, Weight, BP, Vision, Hearing & Dental*
- CBC with diff
- Immunizations  
*Up to one year post-arrival in U.S.*

***Local Health Districts receive \$500.00 in reimbursement from the NHP for completing Level 1***

# Level 2-New Protocol

- Heart & Lung Screening-all refugees
- Screen for: Hepatitis B, O& P, Pregnancy, & Malaria  
*Only If Indicated*
- Age specific recommended screening  
*Developmental, Nutrition, HIV, STI, Glucose, Cholesterol & Cancer Info/Evaluation*
- Public Health Case Mgmt/Referrals

***Local Health Districts receive \$125.00 in reimbursement from the NHP for completing Level 2***

# LHD Cost & Actual Reimbursement, per Refugee FFY 08

**# of refugees screened 1,721**

FFY 08 = 10/01/07 to 09/30/08

